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My main list is published in the fall, and includes tulip, hyacinth and narcissus bulbs, and peonies. To those receiving this list a copy of the fall list will be sent without further notice or request. I try to have it ready for mailing in August.

If there is anything in the flower, plant or seed line that you wish and do not know where to get, write me. As I receive a great number and variety of catalogues, I can probably tell you where it can be obtained.

GERMAN IRISES

German irises should be planted shallow, and should be given, as nearly as possible, a dry, well-drained location in full sun. A dressing of some form of lime or limestone is very beneficial.

While these varieties are neither new nor high in price, they are still standard, and worthy of a place in any garden. Most of them are one-color flowers, which give the strongest effect in mass planting. A flower which samples up a whole millinery shop may be exquisitely beautiful in itself and interesting to study, but for effect, whether in bouquets or in outdoor planting, the one-color flowers are superior.

Cream White. Early. 15c. 2 for 25c.

Florentina. Early. White, tinged pearly gray. Orris root is the dried rhizome of this iris. 15c.

Germanica Alba. Early. Pure white. Blooms at same time as Florentina, but color is cleaner and more brilliant. 15c.

Amas. Early. Very large flower, two shades of rich purple. 20c.

Kochii. Early. Buds soot-black, flowers deepest purple. An indispensable variety. 15c. 6 for 66c, 25 for \$2.00.

Argus. Very dark blue. 15c.

Innocenza. Late. Rich, brilliant, ivory-white. The most beautiful white iris, except at a high price. Stem and blossom tall and graceful. 20c. 6 for 90c, 25 for \$2.75.

Ciengialti. Similar to Pallida Dalmatica, but smaller, deeper in color, and richly fragrant. 15c. 6 for 72c, 25 for \$2.25.

Gertrude. Pure blue. 15c. 6 for 66c, 25 for \$2.00.

Koenig. King of Iris. Smoky yellow and rich brown. A superb iris, 25c.

Pallida Dalmatica. This variety still is unsurpassed. Plant large, tall and stately. Flower very large, soft lavender in color. 20c. 6 for \$1.00, 25 for \$3.00.

Orders received too late for spring delivery will be filled in June or July.

SIBERIAN IRISES

These are very decorative in style and aristocratic in bearing. They grow well in almost any soil or location, and are especially well at home by the waterside. They should be planted a little deeper than the German irises.

Blue King. Rich dark blue. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Dark Blue. Rich dark purple-blue. 15c. 6 for 50c, 25 for \$1.50.

Snow Queen. Large pure white. 15c. 6 for 60c, 25 for \$2.00.

Superba. Dark purple. 15c.

SWAMP IRISES

Orders for these will be filled in July. Northern growers advise August as the time for moving irises. As I am farther south my irises are ready earlier, and will give an additional month before winter for growth and firm rooting.

Though best at home by the waterside, these, like the Siberians, will thrive in any good garden location. Set them shallow, covered not more than two inches.

Pseudacorus. This variety grows the most superb plant and the most beautiful foliage of any and all irises, and is a very profuse bloomer. Flower flat, a deep golden yellow with black markings. 25c.

Orientalis Gigantea. Ochroleuca. A superb flower, pure ivory-white, with yellow blotch on the falls. This variety and the next are great favorites with the honey-loving insects. The largest wasp that settles on a flower holds possession all day, fighting off all other comers. 25c.

Longipetala Superba. ..Spuria Mrs. A. W. Tait. This is like the preceding variety in type, but a dainty lavender in color, shading from nearly blue to pink, with yellow suffusions. The petals are slender, giving it a peculiarly spidery effect. 25c.

ORNAMENTAL GRASS

Eulalia Gracillima. Grows to five feet in height. Foliage of darkest green, very slender and graceful. The dainty blossom plumes which come in fall are fine for winter bouquets. 15c. 12 for \$1.20. Larger plants 25c, 50c, \$1.00, according to size.

HEMEROCALLISES

The yellow day-lilies are dainty, graceful and elegant, their colors clear and refined, the odors rich and exquisite. They are robust growers and profuse bloomers. These varieties bloom in succession.

Gold Dust. Early, blooming with the irises. Two feet tall. Light orange-yellow.

Flava. Three feet tall. Pure yellow. The old "Lemon lily."

Thunbergii. Late. Four feet tall. Delicate citron-yellow.

Strong plants, 25c. 6 or more, any assortment, at 20c per plant.

TUBEROSE

Mexican Single. Everblooming. Of the purest white, and exquisitely fragrant. Buy freely of these, for they are sure to bloom, and come in late summer when flowers are scarce. Also they are easily kept over winter, and will bloom again next year. Plant when the ground has become warm, after danger of frost is over. 10c. 4 for 25c, 9 for 50c, 20 for \$1.00, 100 for \$4.00.

SNOWDROP

The snowdrop, though small, is a flower of faultless beauty and of matchless grace and charm. It is the first of the early spring flowers, and a planting of it rapidly increases in numbers. These bulbs, of my own growing, will be delivered in June or July, and should be planted as soon as received. They do best in a moist shady place where they can remain undisturbed. 10c. 3 for 20c, 12 for 48c, 100 for \$3.00.

STAR OF BETHLEHEM

Ornithogalum Umbellatum. Another of the early spring flowers, white, with a greenish tinge. Blooms in great masses when established. Delivered in June or July, and should be planted at once. Small bulbs like these and snowdrops should be planted only about two inches deep. 2 for 10c, 6 for 20c, 12 for 36c, 100 for \$2.00.

LILIUM CANDIDUM

The Madonna or Annunciation Lily. Pure white, bell-shaped, exquisitely fragrant. Should be planted three inches deep to top of bulb. Delivered in August, and should be planted at once. 30c.

PECANS

Hardy Missouri nuts, stratified ready for planting. Plant about two inches deep, where the tree is wanted to stand, and place a strong stake to protect the little tree. 4 for 25c, 10 for 50c, 24 for \$1.00.

JAPANESE WALNUTS

These do not make a large tree, but grow very rapidly when young, and soon come to bearing. The nuts are produced in bunches, like grapes. They are not large, but easily cracked and extracted. The flavor is like that of the butternut, but not so strong. Plant as directed for pecans. 3 for 25c, 8 for 50c, 20 for \$1.00.

CHINESE HORN NUTS

Trapa Bicornis. This is not a tree, but a water plant, fine for large dishes, aquaria, tubs and pools. The nut is very handsome, and is roughly suggestive of a bull's head. Start the nut in a glass tumbler or jar of water, changing the water when it becomes discolored, and changing to larger dishes as necessary. The dish should be large enough to permit the leaves to lie flat on the surface of the water without crowding. 12c. 3 for 25c, 7 for 50c, 15 for \$1.00.

"TALL BEARDED IRISES"

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